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Core values framework for career, life

By Command Chief Master Sgt. Bobby Smith

302nd Airlift Wing Command Chief

One of the questions I like to ask on the awards boards I chair is “what are the Air Force core values?” I assumed it would be an easy question because everyone would know the three Air Force core values. That was not the case. The follow-up question to is “Which core value do you embody in your style of leadership?” That gives folks meeting the board food for thought. Many of our folks may not truly understand the significance of those core values and how they can impact all parts of our lives.

The Air Force core values are: “Integrity First,” “Service Before Self” and “Excellence in All We Do,” but where did they come from? They didn’t suddenly appear on paper somewhere and become mainstream thinking over night. There were other concepts before them that paved the way.

When I first entered military service I was taught, “Duty, Honor, God, Country.” If you will indulge me, I’d like you to accompany me down memory lane and share what these predecessors to our core values of today mean to me. I’m hoping it will allow us to gain greater insight into the significance of our core values and a little

of their history.

Duty is doing one’s job with pride and distinction. Doing one’s duty without fail or hesitation was paramount to successful completion of our mission, whether it was the mission for that day or for that year. It also meant being accountable for one’s actions and decisions. It means apologizing for screwing up and then working twice as hard not to let that mistake happen again. Duty means our people come first followed by our own needs, goals and individual careers. It manifests itself in little ways by making sure your subordinates’ needs are taken care of first and in larger ways, (read the narratives of our Medal of Honor recipients) people who gave their lives for the good of their comrades.

Honor is the embodiment of integrity, honesty, pride and loyalty to our unit and to our loved ones. We can never be perfect but we should consistently and constantly strive for excellence. Honor means trusting your chain of command and helping them make the right decisions. Honor means holding yourself to high



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Dave D. Morton

Command Chief Master Sgt. Bobby Smith, 302nd Airlift Wing command chief.

ideals and principles without compromise. Honor is that inner fire which drives us to do the best we can all the time. We should do what we do out of a personal pursuit of excellence and honor and not because it is demanded of us by others.

A strong belief or faith in **God** is vitally important. It does not matter which religion you subscribe to as long as you understand the power of prayer or meditation or introspective soul searching. When our military troops were

captured and held as prisoners of war, it was often their religious faith that gave them the strength to find and hold onto HOPE. Sometimes that is all we have, but it gives us the strength to fight for a better tomorrow.

I believe in our **country**—the United States of America. I have traveled extensively throughout the world. We are not a perfect nation but we have something really special here. We love our country. We are fortunate to be members of the finest nation on Earth. We help and assist those countries who are being oppressed by dictators or protect those being threatened by bully nations. We help weaker nations with humanitarian aid, we are the most generous nation on this planet, and if need be, we have the courage to go to war to protect those in desperate need.

I still feel my heart beat a little harder and my eyes well with tears when I hear the National Anthem. I trust and believe in our great nation! We are the United States of America, united in strength and compassion and strong in our diversity because of the excellent people who live here and sacrifice daily to make it that way. We are a team, the 302nd Airlift Wing, and a fighting member of this magnificent nation’s armed forces. As a vital member of this Air Force team, think about and live our core values, “Integrity First,” “Service Before Self” and “Excellence in All We Do!”

Wing joins in Armed Forces celebration



Photo by Staff Sgt. Stefano Collins

Members from the 302nd Airlift Wing joined in the recent Armed Forces Luncheon at the Broadmoor International Center.



www.mil.afrc.af.mil/302AW/link/Default.asp

Now's the time to play

Around The World In Ninety Days, is an interactive Web-based program designed to make people aware of what great programs we have right here on base and to get people participating in those programs. ATWIND is a summer program that runs June through August. Each time you participate in official ATWIND events, you get game pieces. Each game piece is equal to 1,100 miles in your journey around the world. There are five destinations enroute. Your arrival at each offers you a chance to win prizes: money, vacations, and other super stuff. The more you participate in ATWIND activities, the better chance you have to win. The farther you travel, the bigger the prizes.

ATWIND starter kits are available at all Services activities here at Peterson.

To register your ATWIND game pieces, visit www.atwind.com or use the Peterson Library's two ATWIND computers or call the toll-free hotline at 1-888-597-9960.

Sponsors include USAA, Dell, US Airways, Sprint, Tyson and Coca-Cola.

For more information on getting started and how to play, contact Warren Schroeder at 556-7874.

Education assistance for reservist spouses

Colorado State University of Pueblo is offering a 50 percent discount if the active-duty or reserve spouse is taking classes with the university or is planning to. To find out more about eligibility, call 574-3312.

CSU offers degrees in sociology, social work, sociology/criminology, social science and business administration. Certificates

are also available.

Split disbursement now mandatory

Effective immediately, the Military Departments and Defense Agencies shall implement mandatory split disbursement for military personnel. This implementation shall include provisions that all expenses of official travel be separately identified in travel claims so that payments for such charges may be disbursed directly to the issuer of the travel charge card. Supervisors and approving officers shall return any claims that do not accurately reflect the charges to be disbursed directly to the travel charge card contractor to the claimant for correction.

The provision concerning split disbursement is mitigating measures to reduce delinquencies on individually billed accounts.

In addition to mandatory split disbursements, supervisors or approving officials are required to review and sign all travel claims in accordance with DODFMR Vol. 9, Ch. 5. Vouchers that do not have split disbursement and the supervisor's or approving official's signature will be returned to the traveler for correction.

For more information regarding split disbursement for travel cards, please contact Jason Daniels at 556-7930 or Paul Burnett at 556-7718.

Honor the fallen

The family of Larry McGinn requests your presence to honor him at St. Peter Catholic Church, June 5 at 7 p.m.

The church is located at 55 North Jefferson St., Monument, CO.

A reception will follow the service.

GI jumping joe



Photo by Senior Master Sgt. Jim Riley

An Army jumpmaster from the Ranger Training Battalion spots his drop zone from the troop door of a 302nd C-130 on a training mission at Eglin Auxiliary Field 6, Fla.

Grapevine to spread information

Where can 302nd Airlift Wing members turn for help when all other resources are exhausted? Thanks to a wing member's idea, they can turn to the wing's new "Grapevine" program.

Once members find themselves with no other options or there seems to be no one but senior leaders who can answer, they can now use the "Grapevine" to get answers, resolve problems, find more information and squelch rumors.

The decision was made to use the 302nd AW Private Web as the vehicle for this initiative. The "Grapevine" mailbox goes to Col. Richard R. Moss and Col. Michael K. Sumida, wing commander and vice commander respectively. Once "Grapevine" inputs are received, Moss or Sumida will either answer directly or have the problem/issue staffed and researched and then provide an answer.

By using e-mail, the submitter's name will be known, in hopes of preventing anonymous inputs slamming co-workers, supervisors, leadership, etc. It's not meant to be a conduit for IG complaints, equal opportunity complaints, etc. If it's important enough to say or ask, the user shouldn't be afraid to have their name attached.

The Grapevine is on the intranet at: <https://>

302nd boasts Reserve's top paralegal

Photo and story by Tech. Sgt. Tim Taylor
Front Range Flyer

The 302nd Airlift Wing has the prestigious honor of being the home station of the Air Force Reserve Paralegal of the Year for 2002.

However, Tech. Sgt. Vicki Robertson's expertise in the legal field has been used widely at active-duty legal offices as well.

Robertson, assistant office manager for the 302nd Staff Judge Advocate office, has volunteered numerous hours at four legal offices.

"I have been doing mandays with all the other legal offices on base," she said.

From December 2001 through February 2002 she worked for 21st Space Wing while members of its staff were deployed. She supported NORAD/USSPACECOM for about 3 weeks beginning in July 2002 and supported the stand-up of NORTHCOM's newly formed legal office from October to December 2002. She also helped out at the Air Force Academy during its investigations into sexual misconduct by cadets, supported the claims section in the Goodfellow Air Force Base, Texas, legal office, and the Reserve's

TRIALS program at Travis Air Force Base, Calif.

In the civilian sector, she volunteered more than 400 hours with the 4th Judicial District Attorney's office in Colorado Springs, working in the Child Abuse Diversion office.

Through all this, she never forgot her commitment to the 302nd legal office. She volunteered more than 30 days last year to support wing deployments. She also established a

new Law of Armed Conflict briefing for the wing. On short notice, she supported 600 people who received wills, powers of attorney and legal assistance over a two-day period, personally accomplishing 30 wills and 45 powers of attorney.

"She is and has been and continues to be an integral part of the office," Lt. Col. Rod Winn, 302nd staff judge advocate. "Her willingness to volunteer for extra mandays while we were gone and keep the office afloat is a real help to us." The four-person office is staffed by traditional reservists.



Tech. Sgt. Vicki Robertson and Lt. Col. Rodney Winn peruse legal documents.

Winn described her as being very knowledgeable and a big asset.

"I was honored," Robertson said of the award.

In addition to her volunteer efforts with the military and civilian legal systems, Robertson has volunteered numerous hours with Buena Vista Elementary School and its parent teacher

program, with Central Christian Church and as a Girl Scout leader.

She has also earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology from the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs.

Her military career dates back to Air Force active-duty in 1990. She joined the Army Reserve in 1992 and the Air Force Reserve in 1995 as an administrative specialist. She cross-trained into the paralegal field in 1997.

She is married to Staff Sgt. William Robertson, also assigned to the 302nd. They have three children.

Trouble in travelland; don't let it ruin career, credit

By Lt. Col. Rodney Winn
302nd Airlift Wing Judge Advocate

As most know, Congress passed a law requiring government travelers to use the government travel card for all authorized expenses. It is crucial for everyone to use this program as it was intended.

The rules for use of the travel card are straightforward. The travel card can only be used for purchases for which the cardholder is entitled to reimbursement on a government travel voucher. The travel card monthly bill must be paid in full upon receipt. Further, abuse of the travel card, improper charges, regardless of whether an account

is delinquent or not is still abuse and subject to action under this policy. Financial irresponsibility, particularly with the government travel card, is not only a personal matter, but also a command issue, which reflects upon the individual's fitness to continue in the Reserve.

With regard to delinquencies, the wing commander has established a strict protocol of actions to be taken by the member's commander. Members are reminded they are required to submit their vouchers within 5 days of the end of the travel. The commander will interview the member and determine the reason or reasons for the delinquencies and counsel the member regarding their obligations. The card will be

suspended until full payment is made. If the debt is not paid and the member continues to be delinquent, the commander will take progressive disciplinary actions starting with a letter of reprimand, and continuing through demotion action, and administrative discharge.

The bottom line is the member is responsible for the payment of the debt and commanders will continue to monitor these and take appropriate action.

When a member misuses the travel card, the commander is authorized to take prompt action. In addition to suspending the card holders privileges the commander will also take disciplinary action ranging from a letter of reprimand or Article 15 to bringing

the case to a court martial. As with all action, the severity of the action taken will be commensurate with the degree of abuse.

Members should also remember the Bank of America will submit these negative reports to the various credit reporting agencies. Thus, as one can see, these failures can not only have a huge impact on the member's military career, it can have a long-term effect on the member's credit rating.

All members are encouraged to utilize the travel card properly and stay current with payment obligations. This will ensure everyone stays off the disciplinary radar scope and has a greater chance for a successful and enjoyable career.

Members go extra mile for mission

By Lt. Col. Clancy Preston
Front Range Flyer

Col. Richard R. Moss, 302nd Airlift Wing commander, led the wing in recognizing the members of the 302nd Maintenance Squadron as he noted the annual Modular Airborne Firefighting Systems training was ahead of schedule. "They did a fantastic job," said Moss. "The hard work and dedication of all the members deployed to Boise for MAFFS was remarkable."

Moss was specifically proud of two members of the team who significantly contributed to the schedule devoid of maintenance cancels by Chief Master Sgt. Ron Bebow, 302nd MXS superintendent and Senior Master Sgt. Larry Franzen, 302nd night shift pro-super.

"Seven additional sorties were flown and critical aircrew qualification training was completed as a direct result of the repairs Staff Sgt. Matt Morris did," said Bebow. Franzen went into detail about maintenance support during this year's MAFFS training.

"On May 8, Staff Sgt. Bill Edwards was performing a basic post flight inspection on MAFFS 5, aircraft tail number 314, when he noticed something didn't look right," said Franzen. "In the fading sunlight, he saw a depression on the top left wing leading edge, and upon closer examination, Edwards discovered what appeared to be a crack in the wing's leading edge skin [metal covering] between engines," said Franzen.

"The crack was difficult to see," Franzen explained, "because the paint was covering the crack. Edwards requested that Morris, 302nd Structural Repair specialist, take a look at it. Morris confirmed the presence of a 4.5 inch crack on the top skin of the leading edge.

Normally a leading edge is removed to

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C-130 crews recertified their firefighting certification during recent training in

Idaho. Planes flew two dry drops before the wet drop, shown above, per sortie.

By Lt. Col. Clancy Preston
Front Range Flyer

With spring in the air, the wing readies itself for its 10th year of aerial firefighting, working with the United States Department of Agriculture's Forest Service through annual aircrew recertification. Ten crews from the 302nd Airlift Wing's 731st Airlift Squadron are now qualified and ready to be activated for firefighting season if called upon, according to Lt. Col. Scotty Carr, 302nd Operations Group deputy commander.

The Air Force firefighting capability is in four wings of the Air Reserve Component, with two Modular Airborne Firefighting Systems belonging to the Forest Service in each wing. Three National Guard wings, the 145th AW, Charlotte, N.C., 146th AW, Port Hueneme, Calif., the 153rd AW, Cheyenne, Wyo., along with the Air Force Reserve Command's 302nd AW, trained together at the National Interagency Fire Center in Boise, Idaho, May 4-11.

Carr said NIFC requires all aerial firefighters to be certified before being activated by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Forest Service for firefighting because the MAFFS units belong to the Forest Service and the units are flown on military C-130s with a military crew onboard. Crewmember certifi-



Master Sgt. Jim Keup and Tech. Sgt. Bryan Cannady, 302nd Operations Group, review checklists for their MAFFS drop.

cation and number of sorties required varies with the specific crew position. "For example," explained Carr, "upgrading a pilot to aircraft commander takes eight sorties."

"The crews flew into the Boise National Forest for 62 certification sorties, accomplishing two dry and one wet 28,000-pound water drop per sortie for a total of 180 drops from C-130s at an altitude of 150 feet," said Carr.

According to NIFC Public Affairs Specialist, Rose Davis, Eastern Colorado does not appear to have as high a threat of large fires as last year but Western Colorado continues to be cautiously watched.

"We did 240 drops last year," said Carr. "That's more than 283 flying hours and to fires as close as the Hayman Fire, just a 15 minute flight from Peterson AFB to as far north as Deadwood, S.D., with additional firefighting in Idaho."

This is the 30th anniversary of C-130 equipped aerial firefighting.

"The firefighting mission fits real well with the C-130 tactical airlift, low level flying environment and the airdrop training we do," said Carr.

Col. Wes Langland, 302nd Operations Group commander, felt the local terrain helps make this the best training ground of all. "Just our regular mountain flying helps our unit keep a high state of proficiency and preparedness for the firefighting role," Langland said.

CE member earns life-saving award from Springs fire department

By Tech Sgt. David D. Morton
Front Range Flyer

Late night stargazing and a walk with his dog enabled a member of the wing's Civil Engineering Squadron to receive the Fire Department Citizen's Lifesaving Award from the Colorado Springs Fire Department during a March 14 recognition dinner.

Master Sgt. Charles Miller, generator and power supervisor for the squadron, was getting ready for bed around 11 p.m. when he noticed bright, flickering light emitting from a neighbor's house.

"Twenty-five foot flames were climbing up the back side of the structure," said Miller.

"I immediately had my wife dial 911, and proceeded to yell for them to evacuate their home.

They were trying to douse the fire from inside with a sprinkler from the kitchen sink unaware flames outside already had engulfed



Master Sgt. Charles Miller receives the Fire Department Citizen's Lifesaving Award from Manual Navarro.

easily in their '70s, and wanted to grab a few belongings. There wasn't time."

In the process of removing the couple to the safety of his own home, Miller noticed the man had fallen, and ripped skin from his arm. "I didn't know at the time, but he was on blood thinners," said Miller. "I bandaged the injury and provided clothes for him to wear."

"One news reporter arriving on the scene asked how I knew to react the way I did,

the back portion of the house."

While bells and horns were sounding from active alarms inside the structure, Miller rushed inside the house to remove the occupants.

"It was difficult to breath the few seconds I was inside, said Miller. "The man and his wife were

getting the occupants to safety and providing proper first aid," said Miller. "I've been in the military for quite a while. You hope these things never occur, but your military training kicks in if they do."

The Fire Department made two trips to the house. "They didn't realize the damage was as extensive as originally indicated, and were packing up ready to leave when I noticed flames [coming] from the roof," said Miller. "They came back later to make sure the fire didn't reignite. I think its standard policy."

A lighted cigarette discarded near a chair on the back deck was cited for cause of the accident. Estimated damages to the house were nearly \$60,000, while repairs took up to six months to complete.

The Colorado Springs Fire Department awarded 40 certificates during the dinner. Two were for saving lives. "Your unselfish efforts and quick response resulted in saving two individuals from severe injury or loss of life," said Colorado Springs Fire Chief Manual Navarro. "On behalf of the men and women of the Colorado Springs Fire Department, I'm proud to present you the department Citizen's Lifesaving Award."

Military can now pin on parents

By Tech. Sgt. Tim Taylor
Front Range Flyer

O.K. Here's your chance to stick it to your parents. "Stick it" of course means giving them a lapel pin honoring them for supporting your career in the Air Force and in the war on terrorism.

Air Force leadership authorized the Your Guardians of Freedom program to begin the Air Force Parent Pin program beginning May 5. Reservists, as well as members of the Air National Guard and active duty, can go online and nominate up to two parents to receive the Air Force Parent lapel pin.

Once nominated, parents will receive a mailing, signed by Gen.

John P. Jumper, Air Force Chief of Staff, and James G. Roche, Secretary of the Air Force, which will explain the critical role their children play in the defense of the United States. It will also express sincere

gratitude for parental support and communicate a sense of partnership between the Air Force and Air Force parents.

They will also receive the lapel pin, a letter "P" cradled in the Air Force symbol. This pin is a contemporary adaptation of the "E" flags used by the U.S. military during World War II.

To submit your parents for the parent pin, go online at www.yourguardiansoffreedom.com.



AF releases some from Stop-Loss

WASHINGTON—Air Force personnel officials announced May 14 the release of more than half of the Air Force specialty codes restricted from retirement or separation under the Stop-Loss program.

After a review of operational requirements, 31 officer and 20 enlisted career fields were identified for release from Stop-Loss, the officials said.

The program also affected deployed airmen, regardless of AFSC, for the duration of their deployment. These moves were aimed at ensuring personnel levels were adequate to meet upcoming contingencies.

"We've reevaluated our requirements and are releasing these AFSCs because Stop-Loss is inconsistent with the fundamental principles of voluntary

service," Jumper said.

Deployed active-duty, Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve Command airmen whose AFSCs are released from Stop-Loss will not be allowed to retire or separate until their deployment is completed, Forest said. Reserve component airmen who are mobilized, but not deployed, will be demobilized according to ARC policy.

The actual "termination" of Stop-Loss has yet to be determined because the Air Force and the combatant commanders still need certain skills to directly support the war in Iraq, Forest said.

Additional information regarding the release of certain AFSCs is available at installation military personnel flights. (AFRC News Service from Air Force Print News)

'Jacks of all trades' master maintenance

**Photos and story by
Staff Sgt. Jennifer Thibault**
Front Range Flyer

Planes will forever be synonymous with the Air Force, hence when someone runs into an Air Force member they're generally asked, "Do you fly planes?"

In order for the most prevalent symbol of the Air Force's air power to get off the ground, maintainers have to work their magic in keeping them up and running.

Such is the case for Master Sgt. Heldwin Brito, a traditional reservist and aerospace generation equipment technician. "We maintain all of the equipment that services all parts of the planes, to include power units, hydraulics, heating and electricity," said Brito.

Staff Sgt. Michael Sekerak, a traditional reservist and AGE craftsman, enjoys being termed a handyman. "Many people refer to us as 'jacks of all trades,' because we work on so many types of equipment," Sekerak said.

The AGE maintainers work like a nose-to-tail warranty, incorporating every system to support the plane. "There's no air power without ground power," touted Brito.

Introduced to the fundamentals of mechanics during tech school, AGE maintainers gain a broad knowledge of maintenance skills to help tackle a variety of tasks.

"When I went through tech school seven years ago, it was at Chanute Air

Force Base, Ill. It has since moved to Sheppard AFB, Texas. There we learned everything we needed to support any of the planes in the Air Force's arsenal. The only difference is depending on the plane we're supporting we might have an extra piece of equipment. For example, if we were a bomber unit we'd have a bomb loader.

"I attended tech school at Sheppard AFB. It was 16 weeks of extensive electrical theory, engine operations among others," said Sekerak.

"The highlight of the job for me is to support the plane so it can make its launch on time," said Brito. "We also have the flexibility to deploy anywhere; they always need AGE so we get to see the world and meet new people. The best place I've been was Panama. We went in support of Coronet Oak, an anti-drug mission. Being a Hispanic, I loved being there," said Brito.

Although a satisfying career, the influx of new equipment keeps these maintainers on the cutting edge, while it delivers challenges for them to hone their skills to the new machines.

"There are new units and systems all the time that we have to stay on top of, at the same time as we maintain our M-16 training, chemical warfare training, etc.," said Brito.

"They're always coming out with new equipment to be more efficient so we'll



Tech. Sgt. Hipolito Torres Morales, aerospace generation equipment technician, washes a low-pac air compressor that provides air power for tools and equipment.

continue to develop our skills as technology adapts our tools."

Sekerak has been pleased with his decision to become a reservist with AGE. "I enjoy being able to communicate with others and hook up with new friends. Plus, the work experience is always growing as we get new equipment."

"For a part-time job, being an AGE technician has a lot of perks. You get to meet a lot of people, go a variety of places and develop a background in mechanics that is in high demand in the civilian world," said Sekerak.

Anyone interested in becoming a "jack of all trades," can contact Senior Master Sgt. George Anderson, 302nd Airlift Wing Recruiter, at 556-8168 for more information.

Claustrophobes need not apply

**Photo and story by
Staff Sgt. Jennifer Thibault**
Front Range Flyer

Claustrophobes have an abnormal dread of being in closed or narrow spaces, according to Webster's Ninth New Collegiate Dictionary.

Closed or narrow spaces often describe the "office space" of the fuel systems technicians of the 302nd Airlift Wing.

A fuel systems technician's purpose is to test, troubleshoot, repair and modify external/integrated tanks according to their position description.

"We mainly deal with fuel," said Master Sgt. John Feider, shop chief. "Our main scope is to ensure the gas stays in the wings and that it gets to the engine." Inside the wings is just one of the confined spaces these technicians must climb into to access

the tanks for troubleshooting and repairs.

In order to accomplish this task, the technicians also work with various pumps, valves, and explosion suppression.

Although a crucial supporter of the wing's C-130s, fuel technicians don't often find themselves tagging along on TDYs. "Depending on the mission, we're generally only sent if there's not a direct fuels maintenance shop

nearby," said Feider. "On the other hand, if something breaks and they need us, they'll send for us and we'll fly in to fix the problem," said Tech. Sgt. Mike Bruner, a fuel systems technician with the 302nd AW for 18 years.

This staying at home base isn't constant as the techs in this unit have visited such garden spots as Puerto Rico, Panama and Germany.

To get started in this career field, new recruits are sent to

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Look sharp, make good impression

Staff Sgt. Lissy L. Slezak
302nd Mission Support Squadron

First impressions can have a lasting effect. Let's make it a good one by adhering to AFI 36-2903, Dress and Personal Appearance of Air Force Personnel. Here are the top-10 violations; don't make these mistakes.

Jewelry and nail polish—Nail polish for women will be conservative, single color, in good taste and will not contain any ornamentation. Women are authorized to wear one small spherical, conservative, diamond, gold, white pearl or silver pierced or clip earring per earlobe. Matching earrings must be worn and should fit tightly without extending below the earlobe.

Cell phones and pagers—Wear of cell phones and beepers is prohibited unless required to perform duties (i.e. the cell phone or pager was issued to the member by his/her unit).

Attaché case, gym bags, and backpacks—may be carried in

left hand or over left shoulder.

Mess dress and semi-formal uniform—Aeronautical and chaplain badges are mandatory. Others are optional. Females are not permitted to wear slacks with the semi-formal uniform. All ribbons/medals will be worn on the Mess Dress or Semi-Formal uniform combinations. The new service dress name tag will not be worn with the semi-formal uniform or mess dress.

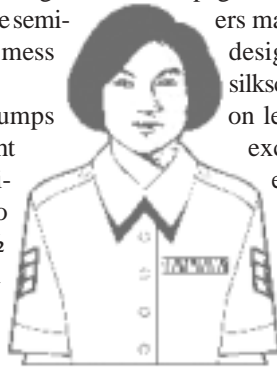
Footwear—Pumps with heels of a height suitable to the individual, but no higher than 2 ½ inches (measured from the inside sole of shoe to the end of heel lift) are authorized with all combinations. Oxford, lace-up style with a plain, rounded capped toe, is authorized with all uniform combinations except mess dress, formal dress, and semi-formal dress. Combat boots will be black, with or without safety toe and have a

plain rounded toe or rounded capped toe with or without perforated seam.

BDUs and undergarments—BDU shirts may be removed in the immediate work area (indicating all other areas require wear). Wearing black T-shirts with unauthorized printing: According to AFI 36-2903, Table 2.2, Line 11, page. 67, installation commanders may prescribe color, unit designation, and cloth or silkscreen emblem to be worn on left side of chest not to exceed 5 inches in diameter.

Outergarments—According to AFI 36-2903, Table 2.1, Line 8, page 60, the lightweight blue jacket will be zipped up at least half way. The blue cardigan sweater may be worn as an indoor or outdoor garment. When worn indoors, it may be buttoned or unbuttoned. When worn outdoors it *must be buttoned*. When buttoned, sweater will be com-

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Claustrophobes cont. from Pg. 8

Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas. "I had eight weeks of technical training before being sent to my gaining unit," said Feider.

Learning mechanical ins and outs from books can be hard to grasp, so new fuel systems technicians lean towards hands-on training for the bulk of their initial understanding. "We try to accomplish most of our training on the job, but that can be hard with maintenance. Generally if there's a problem we need to fix it ASAP," said Bruner.

Technicians also return to Sheppard for seven-level school to expand their expertise in their field.

Along with maintaining a

steady home life, technicians can count on not much change in their career path. "It should pretty much stay the same," said Feider. "Of course, there's always the rumor that we'll get some different aircraft here. If that were to happen then we'd have to adapt to the new aircraft."

Anyone interested in confined spaces and fuels maintenance can contact Senior Master Sgt. George Anderson, 302nd Airlift Wing Recruiter, at 556-8168 for more information.



Tech. Sgt. John Newell, fuel systems technician, ops checks boost and dump pumps when troubleshooting pump malfunctions.

Safety 101 during critical days of summer

By Master Sgt. Buddy Alkire
302nd Airlift Wing Safety Office

Memorial Day marked the beginning of the 101 "Critical Days of Summer" and Labor Day, Sept. 1 is the end of the important program.

What makes this period critical is the change from cold and gray winter days to warm and sunny days. The lure of outdoor activities calls many to take part in a wide range of recreational activities from vacation travel, water sports, backpacking, camping, yard work, off road vehicles, fishing or relaxing.

In the months ahead you need to strongly emphasize safety in on- and off-duty activities, especially activities involving young children. This is an excellent opportunity to apply the Operational Risk Management training you've received. Using ORM principles will allow you to identify hazards. In some cases you will need to go beyond watching yourself and your family, and be aware of others around you. Driving a vehicle is one of the times you must watch the other driver and drive defensively.

You are important to the 302nd Airlift Wing, and safety is critical to the wing and your family. During these "101 Critical Days of Summer," plan your activities to make injury prevention a top priority on and off the job.

If you have questions about safety concerns contact the wing safety office at 556-8163.

Unit Training Assembly Schedule

June 7-8

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0530 – 1000	Breakfast	Aragon Dinning Facility	SVF/6-4180
0600 – 0730	"Jump Start" Fellowship	Sandy's Restaurant	HC/6-7428
0700 – 1530	M-16 Training	Bus from 302nd Flagpole	SFS/6-6536
0730 – 1630	Initial Response EORI	Peterson AFB	XP/6-6234
0730 – 1500	Newcomers Orientation	Bldg 893 Conf Room	MPF/6-7976
0730 – 1630	Physical Exams	Clinic	ASTS/6-1132
0900	PEP Boards (TSgt & MSgt)	Bldg 845 Conference Rm	DPMSC/7555
0900 – 1000	Unit Training Manager Mtg	Bldg 895 Room 204	DPMT/6-7250
0900 – 1000	HDRC Meeting	Bldg 895 Room 206	CV/6-7087
0900 – 1000	Unit Safety Meeting	Bldg 350 Room 1052	SE/6-8163
0900 – 1100	Immunizations	Clinic	ASTS/1132
1000 – 1030	Wing Training Plan Council	Bldg 895 Room 203	CCX/6-6770
1100 – 1730	Let's Do Lunch!	Aragon Dinning Facility	SVS/6-4001
1100 – 1230	Lunch & A Lift	Aragon Colorado Room	HC/6-7428
1200 – 1600	Chemical Training	Bldg 1324 2nd Floor	CE/6-7221
1215 – 1530	CDC/PME Testing	Bldg 895 Room 203/204	DPMT/6-7250
1300	PEP Boards (SMSgt/CMSgt)	Bldg 845, 21st SW Conf Rm	DPMSC/7555
1300 – 1600	Chaplains Available	Bldg 893 Room 143	HC/6-7428
1300 – 1400	DNA / HIV Testing	Clinic	SG/6-1132
1530 – 1600	Anthrax Briefing	Bldg 893 Conference Room	ASTS/4-1136
1500 – 1600	Homosexual Policy	Bldg 893, Room 111	JA/6-8140
2000 – 2300	Late night snack	Aragon Dining Facility	SVS/6-4001

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0530 – 1000	Breakfast Available	Aragon Dining Hall	SVF/6-4180
0700 – 1330	M-9 Training	Bus from 302nd flagpole	SFS/6-6536
0730 – 1200	Initial Response EORI	Peterson AFB	XP/6-6234
0800 – 0900	First Sergeants Meeting	Aragon Dining Facility	6-8307
0800 – 0900	3AO AFSC Training	Bldg 893 Wing Conf	SC/6-8192
0800 – 1200	Trainer Certifier Course	Bldg 895	DPMT/6-7250
0800 – 1200	Chemical Refresher	Bldg 1324 2nd Floor	DP/6-7221
0900	PEP Boards (TSgt/MSgt)	Bldg 845, 21st SW Conf Rm	DPMSC/7555
0800 – 1200	Education Open House	Wing Training Room	DPMT/6-7250
0900 – 1000	Supervisor Safety Training	Bldg 350 Room 1052	SE/6-8163
1100 – 1200	Mask fitting	Bldg 1324 2nd Floor	DP/6-7221
1100 – 1700	Let's Do Lunch	Aragon Dining Facility	SVF/6-4180
1215 – 1530	CDC / PME Testing	Bldg 895 Room 203/204	DPMT/6-7250
1300	PEP Board (SMSgt/CMSgt)	Bldg 845, 21st SW Conf Rm	DPMSC/7555
1300 – 1400	Commander's SORTS Mtg	Command Post CAT	CP/6-7369
2000 – 2300	Late Night Snack	Aragon Dining Hall	SVS/6-4001

Welcome June newcomers

302nd Airlift Wing
Staff Sgt. Christina E. Powell

302nd Services Flight
Senior Airman Robin Bailey
Senior Airman Ann M. Robins

302nd Aeromedical Staging Squadron
Senior Airman Donald C. Collopy

302nd Maintenance Squadron
Staff Sgt. Victor L. Cowan
Airman Basic Kimberly Ese

302nd Communications Flight
Maj. William H. Adair
Tech. Sgt. Michael J. Bustamante

302nd Maintenance Operations Flight
Senior Airman Kristina L. Elswick

39th Aerial Port Squadron
Tech. Sgt. Velton C. Allgood, Jr.
Airman 1st Class Giovanni A. Hernandez

Airman 1st Class Michael Hernandez
Staff Sgt. Daniel N. Montelli
Senior Airman Lisa L. Neil
Airman 1st Class Steven Provencio, Jr.

731st Aerial Squadron
Maj. Ivan A. Pupulidy
Capt. David Sivinski
Maj. Stephen M. Stelly

7th Space Operations Squadron
Capt. Tamara L. Wise

8th Space Warning Squadron
Staff Sgt. Bradely K. Cole
Staff Sgt. Charles R. Howard

14th Test Squadron
Capt. Allen S. Knapp

19th SOPS
Airman 1st Class Rigoberto Nunez
Airman 1st Class Amy J. Grant

Congratulations promotees

Senior Master Sergeant
James Edwards
Joe Laster
Garrin Pies

Master Sergeant
Jonathan Demboski
Enrique Gonzalez
Randy Halfpop
Brian Hawcroft
David King
Dan Lehmann
Beau Marshall
Jimmy McCay
Michael Orawiec
Roberto Soluren
Darryl Teague
Cathy Weber
James Werle
Troy Wilds

Technical Sergeant
Dena Boyd
Ricky Bryant
Eliaser Burgos
Thomas Hereth
Donald Hultgren
Nicholas Kovach
Michael Mabbitt
Salvador Marmolejo
Casey Monroe
Dewayne Robinson
Gene Stoneburner
Christopher Trujillo

Staff Sergeant
Michael Barr
William Hosey
Jay Michaud
Melissa Preston
Jonathan Shaw
Kevin Smith

Senior Airman
Scott Bailey
Liana Chavez
Benjamin Heuberger
Kerrie Marquez
Melinda McClendon
Corina Rayas

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pletely buttoned. Wear of a tie/tab is optional.

Glasses and sunglasses—AFI 36-2903 table 2.6, item 8, page 95 and AFPAM 36-2241, para 9.6.2, state that eyeglasses and sunglasses will be free of ornamentation on frames and lenses, for example, the name brand. Glasses will not be worn around neck.

Headgear—Installation commanders may authorize the wear of the BDU baseball cap, with the organization on the front. BDU

caps are required for all deployments, field training and mobility exercises.

And the number one, most common uniform violation is...**hair length and sideburns**. According to AFI 36-2903, Table 1.4, Item 5, females' hair will be styled to present a professional appearance. Plain and conservative pins, combs, headbands, elastic bands, and barrettes similar to the individual's hair color are permitted to keep hair in place. It will not extend in length on all sides below an invisible line drawn parallel to the ground at the bottom edge of

the shirt collar at the back of the neck. It will not exceed 3 inches in bulk or prevent proper wear of headgear. For males or females, according to AFI 36-2903, Table 1.4, Item 3, if dyed, hair will look natural.

According to AFI 36-2903, table 1.4, sideburns will be neatly trimmed and tapered in the same manner as the haircut. They will be straight and even, not flared, and end in a clean-shaven horizontal line. They should not extend below the lowest part of the exterior ear opening.

1st Shirt opening to be filled

Staff Report

Front Range Flyer

The 302nd Airlift Wing First Shirt Council is looking to fill a first sergeant vacancy for the 302nd Mission Support Squad-

ron. The council will fill the vacancy during the August UTA. All packages from potential candidates must be turned into 1st Sgt. Don Spicely no later than June 8. The package must contain a current resume', a cover sheet with bio

attached and a records review rip from the military personnel flight. Spicely is available via email through the 302nd as well as on his personal account, mspicely@msn.com to answer questions before the June UTA.

Sports day sure to be a hit

Staff Report

Front Range Flyer

The 2003 Annual Sports and Field Day celebration kicks off June 11.

The day is scheduled to include more than 40 events, including running, walking, swimming, bowling, basketball, soccer, tennis, volleyball, horseshoes and tug-of-war, cards, dominoes, pool, table tennis and dart competitions among others.

Everyone is encouraged to participate in some manner, either in the actual competitions, supporting fellow team members or volunteering to help make the day great! Everyone who participates throughout the day will help earn points for the wing. The wing with the most points will take home a trophy.

Although registration for the competitions ended May 30, some events will allow last minute additions the day of, so if anyone is interested and missed the cutoff, there's still a chance to participate.

And for those who choose to sit on the sidelines there's plenty more to enjoy. There will be free refreshments at the picnic area, live music, a free picnic at lunch time and beer for sale. Stick around for the awards presentation to close the day on a high note.

For more information, members can contact their unit sports representative or Staff Sgt. Jennifer Thibault at 556-7594.

Sports trivia: Why are there 9 innings in baseball?

According to "How do Astronauts Scratch an Itch?" by David Feldman, in the early 1850s it was common for games to last two days as each team tried to score 21 runs first. Knowing that fans wouldn't settle for not seeing the end of the game, the nine-inning rule was set. The goal was to make the competition last approximately two to two and one-half hours. The average game takes longer now but they didn't have commercials in the 1850s.

Here's a list of all the scheduled events. Join in the fun or cheer on the participants.

Female events

5 k Run
5 k Walk
Softball Throw
10 k Bike Race
50mSwim
100mSwim
200mSwim
100 m Dash

Male and/or female events

200 m Dash
400 m Dash
1600 m Run

Male events

5 k Run
5 k Walk
Softball Throw
10 k Bike Race
50mSwim
100mSwim
200mSwim
100 m Dash
200 m Dash
400 m Dash
1600 m Run

Archery
Bowling
Backgammon
Cribbage
Darts
Dominoes
Golf
Horseshoes
Pinochle
Pool/Billiards
Racquetball--
singles
Skeet Shoot
Soccer
Table Tennis
Tennis--
doubles
Fireman's Chal-
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Basketball
Coed
Softball
Tennis
Tug-of-war
Volleyball

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a structural repair shop for repair with damaged areas cut out and a flush repair developed, generally taking three or four days of work, according to Franzen. Removing the leading edge would cancel the remaining aircrew qualification training scheduled for MAFFS 5.

Morris wouldn't accept this option and proceeded to develop a plan. Morris contacted personnel back at the unit's structural repair shop, and after carefully searching the technical order, he was able to get technical instructions involving a temporary repair.

Morris gave management an estimated completion time for the temporary fix of 8:30 a.m., May 9.

In order to accomplish this task, Morris put in late hours and only paused when he didn't have the tools to go on, so he had to wait until the Idaho Air National

Guard facilities opened at 7 a.m.

"With the necessary tools and supplies, Morris started installing the patch, and as he started working, he noticed the flight crew in their seats," said Franzen. Morris worked quickly but accurately to complete the repair and at 8:23 a.m., Bebow inspected the repair and determined all technical requirements were met. Within ten minutes, the aircraft was airborne.

"This is typical of what our unit does," said Lt. Col. Luke Coker, 302nd AW MAFFS mission commander, when he heard about Edwards and Morris' performance. "Maintenance does such great work that we forget how far and above our people go to make the mission happen," Coker said. "They just do things the right way."

Hard work and giving it one's best is a philosophy that the

maintenance superintendent observes everyday. "I believe everyone in maintenance comes into work intending to do the very best they can, each and every day they're here," said Bebow, "and they accept nothing less from each other."

"We are fortunate to have dedicated people like Edwards and Morris," said Franzen. In their

civilian positions, Edwards is a licensed aircraft and powerplant mechanic performing contract maintenance on Army helicopters at Fort Carson, according to Franzen. Morris is an Air Reserve Technician in the wing's structural repair section. "MAFFS is a tough but rewarding challenge for our maintainers as well as our aircrews."

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